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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity and that the claim for small entity status set forth in the verified statement filed on January 25, 2000 is hereby withdrawn.

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